

**Wilford Woodruff**  
**Fourth President of the Church**  
**From the Journal of Andrew Fjeld**

With Wilford Woodruff as President the Quorum of the Twelve presided from the death of President Taylor for one year and nine months, or until April Conference 1889, when Wilford Woodruff was sustained as the President of the Church with George Q. Cannon and Joseph F. Smith as counselors.

There was some objection in the quorum of the Twelve to the selection of Wilford Woodruff as President of the Church because of his age (he was 82) and lack of business ability. It was contended that the condition of the Church required a young man of business ability. Wilford was only a farmer.

However, wise counsel prevailed and Wilford Woodruff was selected and he presided over the Church with great ability and success for a little over 12 years.

Two outstanding events in his administration are, the issuing of the Manifesto and the Dedication of the Salt Lake Temple. It was through his lack of business sense that the sugar business was started in Utah.

President Woodruff died in his 92nd year, Sept. 2, 1898.